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**Minutes of the City of Creola Council Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 2021
Creola Senior Center
Meeting 6:00 P.M.**

The Council of the City of Creola, Alabama, met in the Creola Senior building at 5:30 p.m. A workshop was held before the Council Meeting. Present at the meeting was Mayor Nelson, Mark Howell, Harold Parmer, and Kendal Hadaway.

Items that were discussed were the paving of Brown Road, hiring of 2 dispatchers and police officers, American Rescue one time pay increase, 2021-2022 budget and audit, new holiday schedule, and the painting of the jail. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

The regular council meeting was called to order by Mayor Nelson at 6:00 p.m. We were led in prayer by Carl Walker. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nelson.

Roll call was taken by City Clerk Marcy Brown. Present at the meeting was Mayor Nelson, Mark Howell, Harold Parmer, and Kendal Hadaway. Wendy Lynch and Cody Chambless was absent. Also present was City Attorney, Daniel Mims.

Item #5 -Approval of the Minutes –

Approval of the Minutes - The minutes of the August 12, 2021, regular meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Hadaway to accept the minutes, as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Howell. All in favor and the motion was carried.

The minutes of the August 26, 2021, regular meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Hadaway to accept the minutes, with the spell correction of Fire Chief Moye and of Mr. Foster. The motion was seconded by Mr. Howell. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #6- Financials/Bill List-

Mayor Nelson went over the bill list as well and the city financials. Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the bill list as presented. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Hadaway made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #7 - Departmental Reports –

Police Dept.

Chief Hammond states that the jail needs painted. Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the estimate, \$2,000.00, for the painting of the jail, which includes two coats of paint to all areas painted with the work being done by Frank Boles. Mr. Hadaway second the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Fire Dept. – Fire Chief Moye presented a quote from NAFECO for forestry hoses and adapters in the amount of \$1179.00. Mr. Hadaway made a motion to approve the spending of \$1179.00 from the fire grant funds for the purchase of forestry hoses and adapters. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Fire Chief Moye presented a quote from SemsFire for the testing of the hoses and ladders in the amount of \$2791.00. Mr. Hadaway made a motion to approve the spending of \$2791.00 from the general fund for the testing of all hoses and ladders. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Mr. Hadaway made a motion to send Fire Chief Moye to the upcoming fire training once the dates have been finalized. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Park Dept. – About 75% of the sprinkler system installation is completed.

SAIL Center Dept – No business

Zoning Board – No business

Public Works Department –. No business -

Item #8-New Business-

a. Sirens – Mayor will be checking with EMA on the status of making sure the sirens worked.

b. Street Sweeper- Mayor stated that he would be checking with Mrs. Ludgood to see if we could borrow the street sweeper or have them sweep a few streets.

c. Bay Area Contracting - Mr. Howell made a motion to use Rebuild Alabama Diesel and Gas fund to hire Bay Area Contracting for the paving of Brown Road and set a cap at \$25,000 with a 2" thickness. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cody Chambless – Absent; Wendy Lynch – Absent; Kendal Hadaway – YES; Harold Parmer – Yes; Mark Howell – YES; Mayor Nelson – YES. Motion carried.

d. Dispatchers and Officers- Chief Hammond stated that he will be hiring 2 dispatches and at least 1 police officer.

e. American Rescue Act one time pay increase- Mayor presented Resolution 2021-0004 for the council to review and discuss a one time pay increase for all essential workers. Mr. Hadaway stated that he would like to see all full-time employees that have been employed for more than a year to receive \$5,000.00 and part-time employees with more than a year \$2500.00. All other full-time and part-time employees with less than a year of employment would receive \$2500/00. Changes will be made to the resolution and brought back for discussion and approval at the next scheduled meeting.

f. 2021-2022 Budget Prep- The finance committee will begin work on the new budget once we get figures from the auditor Don Wallace.

g. Mobile County Sherriff's Office – Chief Hammond will be asking the Mobile County Sheriff's office to extend their assistance for 3 months to allow us to get more officers and dispatchers hired.

h. City Sign – During Hurricane Iva, a car hydroplaned and hit the welcome sign. We are working with their insurance on getting repairs done to the sign.

i. Don Wallace, CPA – Mayor Nelson stated that he would be hiring Don Wallace, CPA to complete the 2021-2022 yearly audit.

j. Holiday Schedule – Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 holiday schedule. Mr. Hadaway seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried.

Item #9-Old Business- No business

Mr. Hadaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Parmer seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Don Nelson
Mayor



Marcy Brown
City Clerk